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1. IN LETTER TO E/C COUNSELOR DATED OCTOBER 16, MIN OF COMMUNICATIONS PERM SEC HOCHSTADT REITERATED GOS DESIRE TO HAVE TALKS PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1, 1975, WHEN SIA'S OPTION TO PURCHASE A B-747 WILL EXPIRE. LETTER ACKNOWLEDGED OUR INFORMAL APPROACH ON JAN/FEB DATES AND CONTINUED IN PART AS FOLLOWS:

"SHOULD YOUR GOVERNMENT NOT BE ABLE TO SEND A DELEGATION TO SINGAPORE FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF AIR SERVICES TALKS BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR AND PROPOSES A POSTPONEMENT TO JANUARY OR FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, AN OFFICIAL REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE SO THAT THIS COULD BE CONSIDERED. WHETHER OR NOT BOEING WOULD GRANT SIA FURTHER EXTENSION FOR A SIMILAR PERIOD ON THE OPTION TO PURCHASE THE B-747 WILL, OF COURSE, BE OF SIGNIFICANCE IN SUCH CONSIDERATION. AS I HAD INFORMED YOU, SIA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ECONOMICALLY UTILIZE THE ADDITIONAL B-747S ON OPTION WITHOUT THE TRAFFIC RIGHTS IT SEEKS TO THE USA. THEREFORE, IT CAN ONLY EXERCISE THE OPTIONS FOR THESE AIRCRAFT AFTER CONCLUSION OF THE AIR SERVICES TALKS BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND THE USA.

"AS FOR EXTENTION OF PAN AM'S PROVISIONAL LICENCE,

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AN APPLICATION FROM THE AIRLINE FOR SUCH EXTENTION BEYOND

24 NOVEMBER 1975 WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF THE NEXT ROUND OF AIR SERVICES TALKS TO JANUARY OR FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR."

2. HOCHSTADT LETTER ALSO DREW OUR ATTENTION TO A LETTER DATED OCTOBER 8, 1975, FROM DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TO PAN AM REP IN SINGAPORE STATING THAT PAN AM HAS BEEN OPERATING CARGO FLIGHTS NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERMITS ISSUED TO IT UNDER THE AIR TRANSPORT (LICENSING OF AIR SERVICES) REGULATIONS 1974. FYI: THIS REFERS TO FLIGHT PA 879 OF SEPTEMBER 8, 1975, WHICH CARRIED CARGO FROM SINGAPORE TO BANGKOK, KUALA LUMPUR, TOKYO AND ONWARDS. KUALA LUMPUR IS NOT INCLUDED IN CARGO PERMIT, BUT TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM PAN AM NORMALLY FLYS THE AIRCRAFT FROM SINGAPORE EMPTY AND GIVES IT NEW FLIGHT NUMBER IN BANGKOK BEFORE CONTINUING SIMILAR ROUTING. END FYI.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DATES CANNOT BE OFFERED BEFORE END OF YEAR AS RECOMMENDED REFTTEL, IT MAY BE HELPFUL IF SOMEONE COULD CALL BOEING TO FIND OUT IF EXTENSION OF OPTION FOR THREE MONTHS IS POSSIBLE.

4. COPIES OF LETTERS BEING FORWARDED TO EB/OA/AM. HOLDRIDGE

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